



Brownfields 2008 Grant Fact Sheet

Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission (SMRPC) was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants. The SMRPC serves 39 communities (combined population 202,232) in an area extending from the Atlantic Coast to the White Mountains in southern Maine. Most southern Maine communities developed around textile mills built during the 1800s. Today, most mill sites in the region are abandoned. Many communities have been severely affected by the loss of more than 17,000 manufacturing jobs in the state during the past decade. As a result, the area



Assessment Grants

**New
2008**

\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments, update an inventory of brownfields, and perform community involvement activities. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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contains many abandoned or underutilized former mills, gasoline stations, and automotive repair facilities. At least 26 neighborhoods in the region have residents earning less than 80 percent of the national per capita income. Brownfields assessments are expected to help implement a major component of the region's strategy for redevelopment and the reuse of older buildings and sites.